

ACS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The BC government requires students to meet a certain number of credits to graduate in British Columbia. Along with this, ACS also requires additional credits in Bible and the Arts.

Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total.

Of these 80 credits:

52 credits are required from the following:

- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits).
- Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits).
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits).
- A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits).
- A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each grade, 12 credits total).
- An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total).
- Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).

At least 28 credits must be additional elective course credits.

At least 16 of the 80 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course.

Students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments in literacy and in numeracy.

The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2021/22

In addition, ACS requires students to have additional credits in Bible and an additional 4 credits in Arts and/or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (10, 11, or 12).